



SEX OR KIDNAPPING OFFENDER INFORMATION BULLETIN **LEVEL 2 NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE**

SPECIAL ASSAULT UNIT **SEX AND KIDNAPPING OFFENDER REGISTRATION DETAIL**

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The Seattle Police Department is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 and the Washington State Supreme Court decision in State v. Ward, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex or kidnapping offenders release when; in the discretion of the agency, the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex or kidnapping offense that requires registration with the sheriff's office in the county of their residence. Further, their previous criminal history places them in a classification level which reflects the potential to re-offend.

This sex or kidnapping offender has served the sentence imposed on him by the courts and has advised the King County Department of Public Safety that he will be living in the location below. **HE IS NOT WANTED BY THE POLICE AT THIS TIME. THIS NOTIFICATION IS NOT INTENDED TO INCREASE FEAR; RATHER, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT AN INFORMED PUBLIC IS A SAFER PUBLIC.**

The Seattle Police Department has no legal authority to direct where a sex or kidnapping offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he chooses.

Sex and kidnapping offenders have always lived in our communities; but it wasn't until passage of the Community Protection Act of 1990 (which mandates sex and kidnapping offender registration) that law enforcement even knew where they were living. In many cases, law enforcement is now able to share that information with you. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered sex or kidnapping offenders will not be tolerated. Further, such abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to do community notifications. We believe the only person who wins if community notification ends is the sex or kidnapping offender, since they derive their power through secrecy.

The Seattle Police Department distributes these notices to organized Block Watches via Community Crime Prevention. If you wish to set up a Block Watch, receive crime prevention or personal safety information, call 206-684-7555. If you have information regarding current criminal activity of this or any other offender, please call 9-1-1.



Gilbert, Matthew E. W/M 12-05-65

Age: 37

5' 6", 160 lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes.

Scars/marks: None.

In October 2002, Matthew Gilbert was allowed to move to Washington and will be supervised on Parole under the Interstate Compact (New York). Between 1992 and 1995, Gilbert sexually assaulted a known 12-year-old male on numerous occasions. The assaults occurred in the states of Washington, Oregon, and New York. The above crimes resulted in Gilbert being convicted of Sodomy 2nd Degree in the state of New York (Washington State equivalent of Rape of a Child 3rd Degree), and of three counts of Rape of a Child 3rd Degree in Washington.

The victim in this case was a known 12-year-old male. Gilbert initially met the victim at an Oregon ski camp in 1990, two years prior to sexually assaulting the victim. Gilbert held the position of ski camp counselor. He paid special attention to the victim, who became attached to Gilbert. The youth returned home and spoke highly of Gilbert, which resulted in further contact. The victim's family invited Gilbert to their home for Christmas. Gilbert ingratiated himself at every level and venue with the child and his family. They were impressed with Gilbert and trusted him with their child's welfare.

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Additional sex or kidnapping offender information:

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Gilbert and the family kept in close contact through the years. Gilbert took deliberate steps to groom and condition the unsuspecting victim. In 1992, they allowed the victim to travel to Seattle and stay with Gilbert during a two week period that proceeded a ski camp. Gilbert took the youth camping in Oregon and sexually assaulted him numerous times during the trip. Gilbert spent some time in 1993 at the victim's residence in New York ostensibly so that he and the victim could participate in another competitive sport. Gilbert again sexually assaulted the victim while residing in the family's residence. In 1994 and '95 the victim was again allowed to travel to Seattle and stay with Gilbert. The two visits lasted two to three weeks, and Gilbert would sexually assault the victim over the course of the visits. Upon returning to New York, the victim was hospitalized with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, directly related to the abuse, and disclosed the sexual assaults for the first time. Gilbert disclosed other sexual assaults involving minor aged males that were never reported.

Gilbert participated in and was successfully discharged from a sex offender counseling program during his incarceration in New York. He participated in outpatient treatment in Washington prior to his extradition to New York. He will continue his outpatient Sex Offender Treatment while residing in Washington.

Gilbert has registered as a sex offender as required by law. He is living in the 2400 block of Lake Washington Blvd E. in Seattle.

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